

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week March 8 through March 11, 2018.

THURSDAY

03/08/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entries and scratches. The racing programs for the three day racing week proved very difficult to fill as the earliest the draw took place was 1:45 pm on Thursday.

FRIDAY

03/09/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #1 Coach House Girl (Vet-injured)
#2 Empress Songbird (Vet-injured) refund of \$1,217.00
3rd - #5 Mister Fancy Bean (Vet-sick) refund of \$279.00
6th race - #4 Block N Tackle (Vet-sick) refund of \$206.00

(2) **RULING #59**

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JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 4, 2018.

This ruling was issued after the rider fell on his sword and accepted responsibility for the "crop" violation.

(3) **HEARING**

Exercise rider Jairo Renteria was in the office this evening in response to a complaint filed against him for possession of marijuana. His tackroom and car were searched by Board investigators and both had a vile of marijuana in them. Renteria was candid, as he admitted that both of the containers were his. He said he obtained the drug from a legal dispensary in order to deal with pain from a hand injury he suffered approximately four months ago. He agreed to test this evening and the result was positive. It was explained to Mr. Renteria that under no circumstances could he possess or use marijuana while on the premises of a racetrack in California. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #60

EXERCISE RIDER JAIRO RENTERIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(8)(GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) (ENGAGED IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA) AND #1890(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND). ADDITIONALLY, JAIRO RENTERIA IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Christian Aragon came to the office to review the third race from Sunday, during which his mount was likely the source of interference on the far turn. While camera angles of the race worked in Mr. Aragon's favor, he was warned to loosen things up in the future in the interests of safety.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race to review an incident shortly after the start involving the first four finishers - #2 Double A Jess, #4 Ray Donovan, #5 Light Of The Moon, and #3 RF Mighty Be A Hero. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #4 Ray Donovan from second to fourth position. Video shows the horse coming in to make solid contact with RF Mighty Be A Hero, bumping that horse onto the heels of the winner, causing RF Mighty Be A Hero to lose all chance for a better placing.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	538	On Track Handle:	\$59,822.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,773</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$239,136.90
Total:	2,311	Out of State:	<u>\$572,481.42</u>
		Total:	\$871,440.32

SATURDAY

03/10/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #5 Zirondelle (Vet-sick) refund of \$771.00

4th race - #6 Miss Copita (Vet-sick) refund of \$80.00

(2) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was held this afternoon for trainer Ramiro Zuazo, whose horse, Sagita, tested positive for the Class III drug substance Clenbuterol (298pg/ml) following its win in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 14, 2018. Present were the Board of Stewards, Board investigator Dennis Drulias, and Michelle Derieg, who recorded the proceedings. Respondent Zuazo was not present, as all efforts to contact him proved fruitless. Mr. Drulias read the complaint into the record and the case was brought to a close. A decision will follow shortly.

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockeys Barrington Harvey and Jesus Rios Ayala were in the office this afternoon to review races from last evening. While neither incident was worthy of a penalty, both were cautioned to be more aware of their positions on the track in order to prevent interference.

(4) TRACK CONDITION

A light, but steady, rain was the order of the evening, resulting in the track being labeled "wet fast" for the entire card. Racing went without incident until the last (eighth) race, when #6 We Have A Favorite suffered a slab fracture of the right knee and was euthanized after being removed from the track via horse ambulance.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	756	On Track Handle:	\$67,760.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,967</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$272,793.20
Total:	2,723	Out of State:	<u>\$756,750.74</u>
		Total:	\$1,097,304.34

SUNDAY

03/11/2018

(1) FIELDS ARE INTACT

There are no scratches on the program this evening.

(2) TELEPHONIC HEARING

Trainer Matthew Fales had a hearing via telephone this afternoon as he was positive for marijuana and codeine following a field test. Mr. Fales offered prescriptions for both medications. He said he uses the cannabis for insomnia and post-traumatic stress syndrome, as he was involved in a serious training accident some time back. The codeine was in a cough syrup he uses for a chronic condition.

Supervising Investigator Blake recommended a warning, which was issued, with the caveat that a subsequent positive test would result in more serious consequences.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited prior to the second race by trainer Justin Clark for #5 Allan's Baby was voided as the horse was unsound during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Tirso Limon.

(4) RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was replaced in the sixth race this evening as he called to say that his plane was delayed and that he would not be here in time to ride his mount. Jonathan Roman replaced Arvizu, who did fulfill his commitment in the eighth event.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 526
Off Track Attendance 1,721
Total: 2,247

On Track Handle: \$90,454.90
Off Track Handle: \$392,937.10
Out of State: \$985,908.38
Total: \$1,469,300.38

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 11, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 4 for sickness. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/09	SAT 03/10	SUN 03/11	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		3	0	0	3	67
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	9
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	19
REFUNDS		A			3	2	0	5	95
RULINGS			Y		2	0	0	2	60
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	12

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, David Nuesch, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Ron Church were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)